

## Historical houses - NAMED, N-2

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**ESAIAS PETERSON**

**1812**

D.R.H.'s



Esaías Peterson was one of the heirs of the Nehemiah Peterson homestead on the north side of the highway in Tinkertown. Nehemiah died in 1811 and a distribution of the property was made in April 1812. To Esaías, sometimes spelled Ezaias, went a strip of land just east of the family house, to which he added some shares that went to his sisters. He also got the easterly half of the barn which he was to move off within two years, the right to use the well for one year, and \$75.70 in cash.

Esaías, youngest in the family, was living at home when he inherited a share of the farm. He immediately set about building a house, 1812, and moved his half of the barn to his property in due time. He shortly married Lydia Holmes and they raised a family of nine children in the new home, now owned by Clifford and Nancy Youse.

There have been some changes in the appearance of the house, but not many. Perhaps the dormer could be lamented, but it does make for a more usable second floor. The interior is the usual cape layout and has all the charm of an old house. Its owners have fortunately been farmers with simple tastes or, in the main, sensitive people with appreciation for the old features.

Esaías' son, Otis, inherited the house, living there until 1898, so well remembered that the house has been called the Otis Peterson house, with building credit going to him. Not so. It is older than Otis' time, built by his father, Esaías Peterson, 1812.

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